MONTHLY NEWS FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

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Upcoming Dates

January 5th — School Resumes
January 7th —
6:30-8:30 PM Open House
January 7th and 8th —
FAFSA Completion
January 10th — Entrance Exam
8:00 am (7:30 am for breakfast)
January 19th — no school
Martin Luther King Day
January 20th- 24th—
De Sales Week
Jan 20-22nd – 9-11am retreat
at Feed My Starving Children;
Jan 23rd —
All School Mass and Fun Day
January 25th -30th —
Catholic Schools Week and
National School Choice Week

JANUARY 9TH ST. FLORIAN FUNDRAISER AT PIONEER BASKETBALL GAME

On Friday night January 9th, St. Francis de Sales will host a fundraiser for St. Florian. All ticket sales for the basketball game against Bishop McNamara will be donated to St. Florian. There are three games that evening: the freshman @ 4:30; soph @ 5:45 and varsity @7:00. In addition to door collections, 20% of the concession revenue will also go to support St. Florian. (continued next page)

Dear St. Francis Families,

Happy New Year! I pray that you and your family continue to experience the peace that Emmanuel, God with-us, brings throughout the coming year.

Just as in your personal lives, the New Year at SFDS comes with the hope of continued growth and ongoing improvements – New Year's resolutions of sorts. January brings with it the beginning of the second semester and an opportunity for students to start fresh in their pursuit of education, the feast of St. Francis de Sales which highlights our call to "Be Who We Are and Be That Well", and Catholic Schools Week which celebrates the benefits of Catholic education and raises awareness for others about the benefits of supporting Catholic education.

We are inspired by the continued support of Big Shoulders Fund and the Archdiocese to continue working diligently and enthusiastically to best serve our students and your children. We welcome the ongoing efforts to move forward with the enhancements begun last Spring, and are excited by the addition of Patrick Lee who joined us as the Administrative Team Leader in December. You can learn more about Patrick Lee and the expertise he brings to our community in the feature article.

We also are busily planning our 75th Gala celebration. Mark your calendars now for March 21st. If you can help in any way, please contact Mary Kay Ramirez at mramirez@sfdshs.org or 773-731-7272.

In Peace,

Janet Cobb,
Executive Director, St. Francis de Sales

JANUARY 9TH ST. FLORIAN FUNDRAISER AT PIONEER BASKETBALL GAME

St. Francis de Sales basketball coach, Kevin Wolf, is spearheading the St. Florian fundraiser.

As a graduate of both St. Florian and long time coach of St. Francis, he sees this event as an exciting opportunity to support both schools.

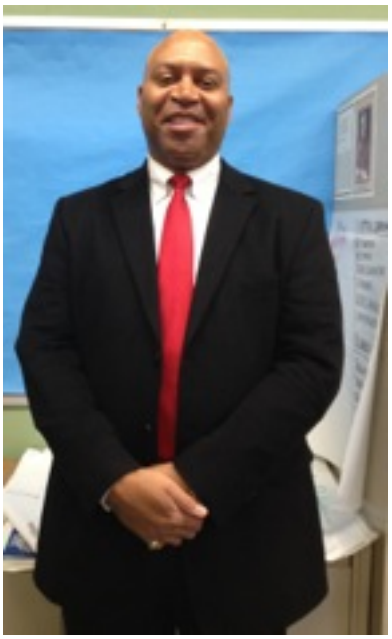
Wolfe was the Pioneer's assistant coach in 1999-2003, 2009-10, and head coach in 2010-12. As head coach he led the Pioneers to 16-13 and 16-15 seasons despite playing mainly larger Catholic League schools. Wolfe is a 1985 Purdue University graduate and works in construction management. He was raised in Hegewisch . "My dad was my coach in junior high school at St. Florian's. He taught me a lot about coaching. I also pattern my basketball coaching style after Gene Keady who was head coach at Purdue when I was a student there." Coach Wolfe also knows how to give back to his Hegewisch community. After graduating from Purdue he was St. Florian's athletic director and head basketball coach for fifteen years.

After a one year absence Coach Wolfe is back inspiring his talented squad at St. Francis. Wolfe says he and his quick,high-flying Pioneers are committed to bringing back the days of basketball excellence.

Friday night's basketball game is a great game to come out and support the Pioneers and St. Florian Elementary School. We hope to see you Friday January 9th!

SUPPORT THE PIONEERS AND ST. FLORIAN

MEET PATRICK LEE, Administrative Team Leader



After twenty-five years of leading teams studying model Illinois high school programs, Patrick Lee is applying that unique, high-level knowledge toward enhancing the quality of St. Francis de Sales High School.

On December 1, Mr. Lee was appointed Administrative Team leader for the high school by the Archdiocese of Chicago. In this position he now guides the administrative team in daily operations focused on students, faculty and general staff. He leads and supervises the directors of guidance, student services, and academics.

Ms. Cobb continues in her role as Executive Director with chief administrative responsibilities for facilities, finance, advancement, marketing, community relations and informational technology.

"Mr. Lee will work closely with Mrs. Cobb to continue realizing the vision embarked upon last Spring," said Jo Marie Yonkus, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools of the Chicago Archdiocese. "We are very fortunate to have found such a talented individual for this new position, as Mr. Lee brings many years of experience as a team leader in both public and private schools throughout the state. We believe he is a tremendous fit for this position and this community."

A 1984 graduate of Chicago Vocational High School, Mr. Lee grew up in South Shore and graduated from Edward Coles Elementary School. He graduated from Dillard University in New Orleans with a degree in accounting. In 1989, he began a twenty-five year career with the Illinois State Board of Education. His focus was studying instructional quality, fiscal accountability, and compliance with state law, rules and regulations.

"It was an outstanding educational experience to serve for twenty-five years as an ISBE team leader," said Mr. Lee. "I visited and examined the best schools in Illinois, reviewed quality academics and positive learning environments. For many years I was looking to implement these best practices into a school. We have this opportunity at St Francis de Sales with an excellent group of educators and many students who are working their hardest to benefit from our services. I know from leading teams in studying schools how education works best in a high school. I have seen

MEET PATRICK LEE, Administrative Team Leader, Continued...

how even the best schools have room for improvements. Part of my role in leading the vision and work of the administrative team is to observe classrooms and work with staff to build on our strengths and make improvements where needed. I know we can be successful with our continued dedicated efforts and with the support of the Archdiocese and the Big Shoulders Fund."

"It is truly an honor to work at St. Francis de Sales," added Mr. Lee. "It is a pleasure to work with Mrs. Cobb and now take over some of her many duties. She can now focus on different management issues. I will focus on the day-to-day operations. As I walk around the school I am committed to ensuring that all students are working hard. I talk regularly with our teachers to help them sustain and improve their quality instruction and to further improve student learning outcomes as we continue to work together."

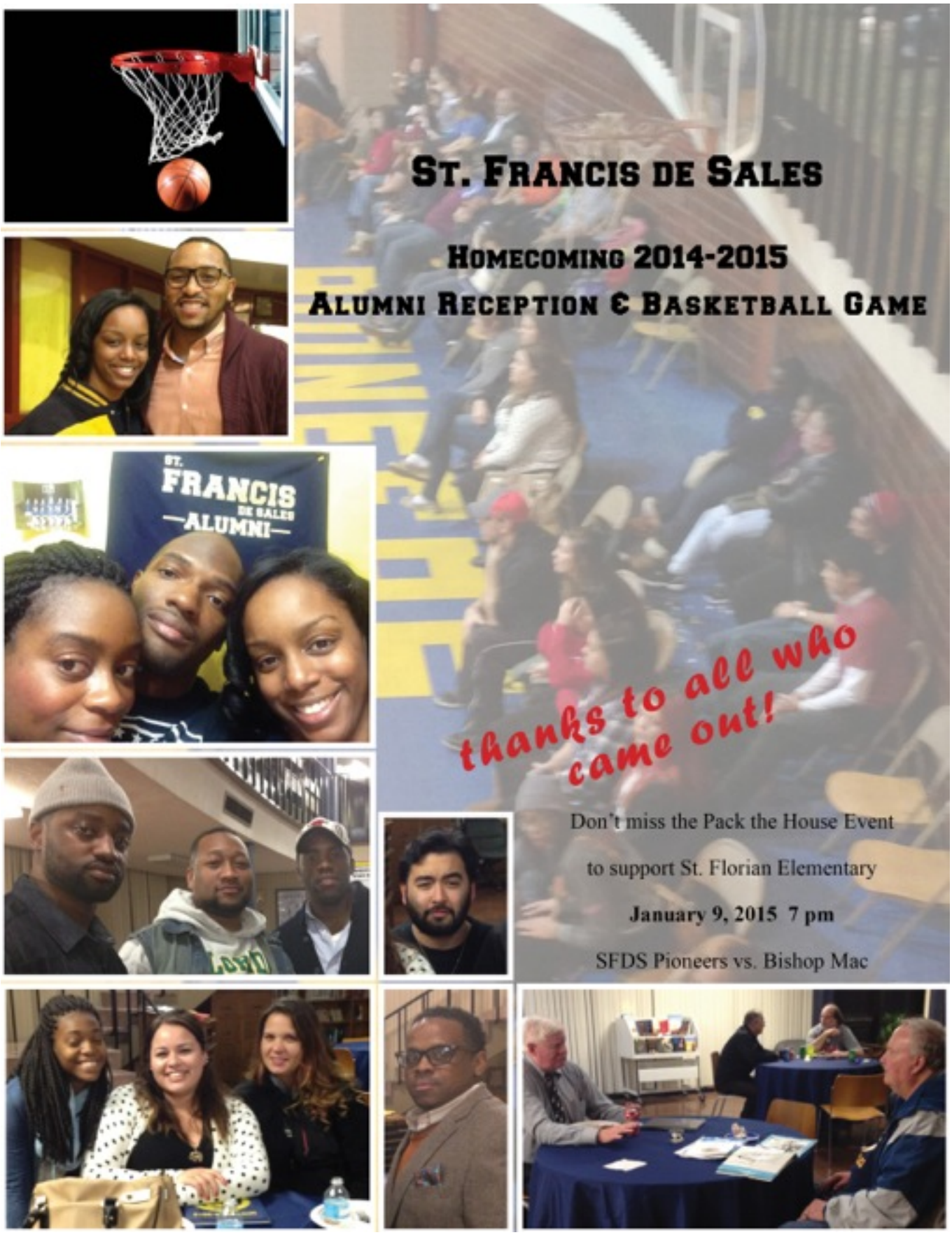
St. Francis Basketball Homecoming Game

We had a great turnout for our homecoming basketball game on December 12th. On the next page, you will find some pictures.

If you missed the game, no worries, we have more games coming this month. Come out to one of the sporting events listed below and support the pioneers:

JANUARY SPORTS SCHEDULE

January 6th—5:30 pm Girls Basketbal l v. De La Salle
5:30/7:00 pm Soph and Varsity Boys Basketball @ Seton
January 7th— 5:30pm Freshman Boys Basketball v. Seton
January 9th— 4:30/6/7:00pm Boys Basketball v. Bishop Mac
5:00 pm Wrestling @ St. Joseph
January 10th—12:00 pm/1:30/3 Boys Basketball @ Latin
January 12th—5:00 pm Girls Basketball v. Institute of Science
January 15th—5:30 pm Girls Basketball v. Josephium
January 16th—5:30/7:00 pm Boys Basketball @ De la Salle
January 17th—9:30 am Freshman Boys Basketball v. De la Salle
January 20th—5:30 pm Girls Basketball v. De Paul Prep
January 21st—5:00 pm Wrestling at De La Salle
January 23rd —5:30/7 pm Boys Basketball v. Providence
January 24th—9:30 am Freshman Boys Basketball @ Providence
January 27th—5/6:30 pm Boys basketball v. Epic
January 28th—6 pm Girls Basketball v. AQSA
January 30th—5:30/7 pm Boys Basketball v. Brother Rice
January 31st—11:00 am Freshman Boys @ Brother Rice
12:00 pm Girls Basketball at Lake Forest


St. Francis de Sales
Homecoming 2014-2015
Alumni Reception & Basketball Game
thanks to all who came out!
Don't miss the Pack the House Event
to support St. Florian Elementary
January 9, 2015 7 pm
SFDS Pioneers vs. Bishop Mac
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